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To express the sense of the Senate regarding the May 11, 1998, Indian nuclear tests.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. GLENN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Government of India conducted an underground nuclear explosion on May 15, 1974;

Whereas, since the 1974 nuclear test by the Government of India, the United States and its allies have worked extensively to prevent the further proliferation of nuclear weapons in South Asia;

Whereas on May 11, 1998, the Government of India conducted underground tests of three separate nuclear explosive devices, including a fission device, a low-yield device, and a thermo-nuclear device;

Whereas this decision by the Government of India has needlessly raised tension in the South Asia region and threatens to exacerbate the nuclear arms race in that region;

Whereas the five declared nuclear weapons states and 144 other nations have signed the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty in hopes of putting a permanent end to nuclear testing;

Whereas the Government of India has refused to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty;

Whereas the Government of India has refused to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty;

Whereas India has refused to enter into a safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency covering any of its nuclear research facilities; and

Whereas the Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Act of 1994 requires the President to impose a variety of aid and trade sanctions against any nonnuclear weapons state that detonates a nuclear explosive device: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) condemns in the strongest possible terms
3 the decision of the Government of India to conduct
4 three nuclear tests on May 11, 1998;

5 (2) calls upon the President to carry out the
6 provisions of the Nuclear Proliferation Prevention
7 Act of 1994 with respect to India and invoke all
8 sanctions therein;

1 (3) calls upon the Government of India to take
2 immediate steps to reduce tensions that this unilat-
3 eral and unnecessary step has caused;

4 (4) expresses its regret that this decision by the
5 Government of India will, of necessity, negatively af-
6 fect relations between the United States and India;

7 (5) urges the Government of Pakistan, the Gov-
8 ernment of the People's Republic of China, and all
9 governments to exercise restraint in response to the
10 Indian nuclear tests, in order to avoid further exac-
11 erbating the nuclear arms race in South Asia;

12 (6) calls upon all governments in the region to
13 take steps to prevent further proliferation of nuclear
14 weapons and ballistic missiles; and

15 (7) urges the Government of India to enter into
16 a safeguards agreement with the International
17 Atomic Energy Agency which would cover all Indian
18 nuclear research facilities at the earliest possible
19 time.

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